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RESPONSE TO CHALLENGE OF CITIZENSHIP

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Response No. 1

Cue: "Our United States of America"

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In response to your challenge, "We hold these truths to be self-evident: That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; that to secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

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Response No. 2

Cue: "Allegiance is demanded of us"

This shall be our creed of citizenship: To see clearly; to cherish and defend that which is good; to improve or discard that which is bad; to render at all times loyalty and devotion to God in service to our country and all mankind.

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Response No. 3

Cue: "Our national destiny"

We, individually and collectively, pledge our efforts from day to day, to fight for the ideals of this Nation.

We will never allow tyranny and injustice to become enthroned in this, our country, through indifference to our duties as citizens.

Response No. 3 (Cont.)

We will strive for intellectual honesty and exercise it through our power of franchise. We will obey the laws of our land and endeavor increasingly to quicken the sense of public duty among our fellow men.

We will strive for individual perfection and for social betterment. We will devote our talent to the improvement of our homes and our communities in their recreational, social and spiritual needs.

We will endeavor to transmit this Nation to posterity not merely as we found it, but freer, happier, and more beautiful than it was transmitted to us.

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Response No. 4

Follows "Meaning of citizenship"

Cue: "Your newly assumed citizenship"

We who have just taken the pledge of citizenship accept the opportunities and responsibilities that will be ours as young citizens in these United States of America. We will strive each day to live up to the obligations and responsibilities for which citizenship in a democracy stands.

Today probably more than at any other time in world history we should be aware of our heritage of free speech, a free press, and free religious choice. We aim to stimulate and understand democratic living and practice tolerance, cooperation, and mutual self-help in our homes and in our communities. We have faith that by so doing we will live up to today's challenge of intelligent, loyal, and courageous participation in the affairs of the Nation.

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